

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 656

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Shane W. Uselton for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Shane W. Uselton is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the House Clerk's Office; Mr. Uselton's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Shane Uselton brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2009 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, during his internship, Mr. Uselton served several committees and sub-committees; he was the Primary Clerk of the State and Local Government Committee, the Secondary Clerk of the Children and Family Committee, and the Third Clerk of the Calendar and Rules and Education Committees as well as the Family Justice and Wildlife Sub-Committees; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he was highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Uselton achieved academic success and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with an emphasis in legal studies, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Uselton is already a published scholar, having contributed the article "Instant Runoff Voting in the Electoral College" to The Roosevelt Institution's *The 25 Ideas Series*, Volume Two, Issue One, July 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Uselton is an active and highly valued member of several civic organizations, including the Hillsboro Masonic Lodge #382, the Al-Menah Shriners, Chattanooga Scottish Rite, and the Tennessee State DeMolay Association, which he serves as State Master Councilor; and

WHEREAS, every one of Mr. Uselton's many achievements is a tremendous source of pride for his mother, Tina B. Carter, and his sister, Autumn Trail; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2009 legislative session, Mr. Uselton has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, he has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Shane W. Uselton for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Clerk's Office and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.